Proposal to expand Vijaywada Airport

146. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed that Vijaywada Airport be expanded and developed for heavier traffic by National Airports Authority;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether National Airports Authority will take up this work; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government have advised the Airports Authority of India to firm up the cost of the project of expansion and strengthening of Vijaywada airport and initiate tender formalities after getting the approval of their Board.

Violation of Accounting Procedure by Punjab National Bank

147. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum signed by 35 Members of Parliament regarding suppression of losses, violation of accounting procedure and delay in releasing of balance sheet by the Management of Punjab National Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision has since been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Government has received a memorandum signed by 35 Members of Parliament containing allegations regarding alleged suppression of losses, violation of accounting procedure, delay in releasing of balance sheet for the year 1993-94, sanctioning of fictious advances, dismantling furnished premises and for refurnishing them, etc.

(c) The matter is being examined in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Public Sector Banks operating in Orissa

148. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of public sector commercial banks opened in different states during the last three years;

(b) how many branches of those banks opened in orissa during those years;

(c) whether those nationalised banks have achieved their target fixed against each year for sanctioning and distributing loans to the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) The number of brances of public sector commercial banks opened in different States including Orissa during the last three years is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) and (b) The details of targets and achievements under Annual Credit Plans